



# CHILDREN'S CHATTER

## Beanstack Challenges

The Salem Public Library is now using Beanstack, an online tracking tool, for all our reading challenges! Until the end of November, kids can participate in our "Fall in Love With Reading Challenge" and earn an awesome Salem Library beanie, a free book, and a Virginia State Park Pass. In December, the Space Science Institute is sponsoring a special space-themed Beanstack challenge. Libraries with the most active participants will be eligible to win programming materials from NASA!

To sign up for these and future challenges, go to our Beanstack site (<https://salemva.beanstack.org>) and create an account. You can include all your family members in this account, too, which makes it easier to track everyone's reading and activities. Give us a call if you need help getting started!

On another note: As we saw last year, even during a pandemic the holiday season is a busy time of year for everyone. Be sure to take a few moments every day to relax, read a good book, and share some quiet time with the people you care about. It will keep you sane, and create great memories as well!

Thank you all for your continued support of the library!

Happy reading!

~Ms. Emily



## Fall Circulation

You're still checking out piles of books! Here are the top circulating items for September and October:

**Picture books: 1,823**  
**Fiction & 1st Chapter: 1,102**  
**Nonfiction & biographies: 831**  
 DVDs: 622  
 New books: 574  
 I Can Read books: 542  
 Graphic novels: 512  
 Holiday books: 359

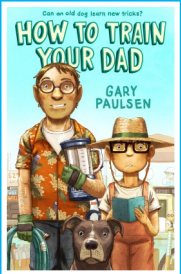
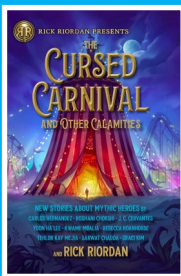
More graphic novels checked out in October than any other month this year! We're thrilled that so many readers are taking advantage of this ever-growing collection. We're always adding new books, too, so reach out if you have any purchase suggestions!



## It's not November, it's Dinovember!

During the entire month of November, you get a small prize every time you check out a **dinosaur book**! We're also giving away a **Dilly Dally gift card** to the person with the best dino photo, so send us your funniest dinosaur pictures. Last year we got photos of dinosaurs eating cake, watching Jurassic Park, and playing the piano. We can't wait to see what you come up with this year! Submit your photos to us via email or Facebook Messenger.

### Check out our latest digital additions!

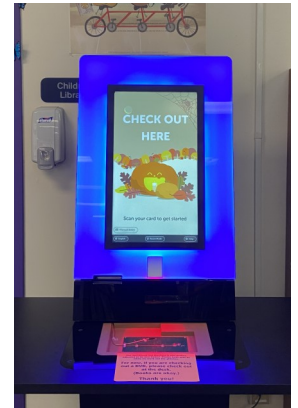


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### Meet Marvin!

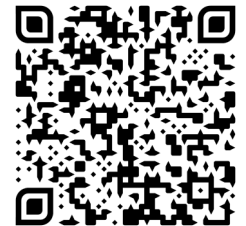
Meet the newest staff member in the Children's Department: Marvin the Self-Checkout Machine! (Bonus points if you get the reference!)

Marvin is here to help you check out your books. This will be especially handy on days when you have wiggly children who don't have the patience to wait in line at the circulation desk. Stop by and say hi to Marvin today!



### Zoom & Grabbies

**Zoom Storytime** will continue every Wednesday at 10 am until November 17, then we'll take a brief break during the holidays. Join us while you can! Scan the QR code or email the library to receive the Zoom meeting ID and password. Can't make it to the live Zoom event? Once you're on our email list, we'll send you the link to our YouTube channel so you can watch the recorded storytime later.



Visiting the library? Grab a **Grabbie** while you're here! These fun crafts are perfect non-electronic entertainment. We will have lots of holiday Grabbies in December, so grab 'em while you can!

### Final thoughts...

"If you don't see the book you want on the shelves,  
**write it.**"

~Beverly Cleary